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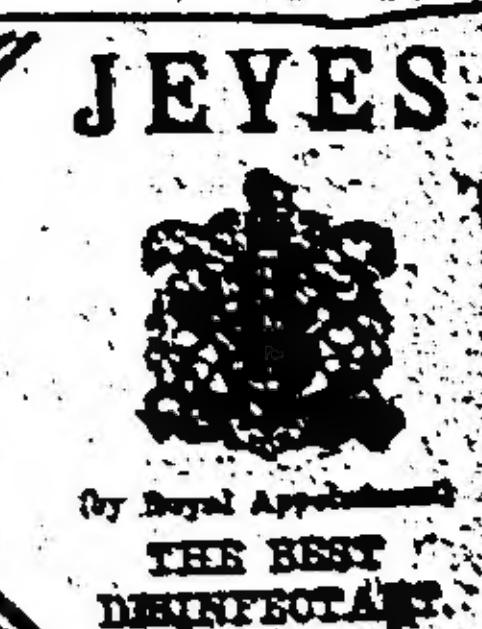
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters' Service to the China Mail)
FARROW'S BANK COLLAPSE.

LONDON, December 23rd.
Mr. Thomas Farrow, chairman of Farrow's Bank, was arrested at midnight at his residence in St. Leonards, and conveyed to London to the police station in his own luxurious motor-car.

Mr. Crotch's bail has been reduced to £50,000.

LONDON, December 23rd.
Mr. Farrow appeared at the Mansion House Court and asked to see a doctor as he said he had been meeting imaginary people on the stairs. The case for the prosecution was formally opened.

Mr. Farrow was remanded on £50,000 bail and surreties.

Mr. Hart's bail has been reduced to £4,000.

RACE RIOT IN BROOME.

MELBOURNE, December 21st.
Serious riots have taken place at Broome owing to racial antipathy between Japanese and Malays. One thousand Japanese searched the town for Malays. Two Japanese were killed and three Malays were seriously injured. The authorities had to read the Riot Act.

Perak (W. Australia).

December 22nd.
The situation in Broome is now in hand. Leading Japanese businessmen have apologised and offered to do all in their power to restore order. The Japanese rioters and the Malayan pearl-fishers have been segregated in different camps. Whites are patrolling the town.

BURIAL OF BRITISH SAILORS.

THE HAGUE, December 22nd.
Corpses of British sailors washed ashore on the coast of Holland in wartime have been buried at Noordwijk and 's Gravendeel. The British Minister and a representative of the Dutch Minister of the Navy attended both the ceremonies.

BIG FIRM'S FAILURE.

NEW YORK, December 22nd.
The failure is announced on the Stock Exchange of Messrs. Frim, Foster and Lounberg, who had been actively dealing in Vanadium Steel, one of the stocks involved in the slump. The failure is regarded as one of the most important of recent years.

VILNA PLUMBERS.

THE HAGUE, December 22nd.
The Foreign Minister has introduced a Bill authorising the despatch of a Dutch military contingent to Vilna as part of the international corps commanded by the French Colonel Chardigny, which will occupy the region during the plebiscite to decide the fate of the territory.

TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKE.

Buenos Aires, December 22nd.
Four hundred persons were killed in the earthquake in Mendoza. Several villages have been destroyed.

PETROL CONCESSION.

BUPAPO, December 22nd.
The National Assembly has passed a Bill granting a concession to an Anglo-Hungarian Syndicate to explore petrol and bitumen deposits.

FIRST TEST MATCH.

SYDNEY, December 14th. (1)
England made 281 runs Hobbs contributing 88. Hearne 57 and Hadlee 50. Australia won by 100 runs by 3 wickets.
(There is some confusion in the dates of telegrams relating to the First Test Match, but it appears that Australia went in to bat first and compiled 261 runs. England replied with 190.) Australia made 591 runs in the second innings. England scored 281 in the second innings thus losing the match, as stated in the above telegram, by 377 runs.)

PIUME ULTIMATUM.

ROME, December 22nd.
Signor D'Annunzio has replied to General Cavaglia's ultimatum that he does not recognise the Treaty of Rapallo, and has decided to re-occupy General Cavaglia accordingly has ordered a small land and sea blockade of Piume, which will be absolutely isolated and cut off from all relief.

RHONDDA COAL-FIELD STRIKE.

LONDON, December 22nd.
A general strike has been declared in the Rhondda coal-field, owing to strenuous, men not being reinstated after dismissals. Fifty thousand workers are affected.

WORLD DISARMAMENT.

WASHINGTON, December 22nd.
In the House of Representatives Mr. Crooks (Republican) introduced a resolution authorising President Wilson to invite all nations to send delegates to an international convention in Washington to consider means of securing world disarmament.

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PROGRAMME OF ATTRACTIONS.

Christmas Day and a circus all in
one: if that isn't enough to make
every kid in the Colony turn
somersaults in sheer delight, then
what is?

To-morrow is to be a double-barreled big day for the youngsters
and, for that matter, for the grown-ups,
too. There never was a properly
constituted grown-up who didn't
love a circus. Boston's Royal
Indian Circus originally advertised
to open in Kowloon next Monday, has
moved the date ahead a couple of
days. It will open to-morrow, Christmas
Day, and instead of Kowloon, will
appear at Ming Yuen Gardens, North
Point.

There will be a rousing programme
of attractions, with new acts, new
aristries, and "new" animals, in two
shows daily, at 5 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.
Preceding each performance, at 4.30
p.m. and 8.45 p.m., there will be a
free outside attraction that is
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The big show brings many new per-
formers to Hongkong, all of them top-
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them are The Flying Arrows with the
reputation of being the premier flying
act of Europe, in a thrilling and daring
performance in the air; the Fleurette
Trio, in a trapeze act of remarkable
skill; Signor Marasso, the great
Continental Jockey; Mille Stella, with her troupe of expert per-
formers; the Three Brothers Nelson,
in a Roman Ring Act; Mille Nina and
James Valence, classical dancers;
Spuds, with his partners and new
eccentricities; Mille Lorenz of
tragedy fame; Giro's Anglo-Chinese
troupe in new creations; and Signors
Francesco Trifelli, Giovanni Trifelli,
and Marco Lussardi, with their
remarkable trained animals.

Then there are the old favourites
whose return to Hongkong is anticipated
with eager by all circus-lovers—
Maximo, the Cuban Wonder, more
than ever "swank on the wire"; Spuds,
with his partners and new
eccentricities; Mille Lorenz of
tragedy fame; Giro's Anglo-Chinese
troupe in new creations; and Signors
Francesco Trifelli, Giovanni Trifelli,
and Marco Lussardi, with their
remarkable trained animals.

All in all, it promises a programme
filled with entertainment, and should
attract large patronage.

ON XMAS TOYS.

"This way to the Xmas Bazaar!"
What memories of Home and
Xmas shopping do these words
recall.

Hamley's, Gamage's, Harrod's,
Selfridge's and hundreds of other
places where one may stroll for
hours, admiring fluffy animals and
"Cuddly" dolls, winding up the
mechanical toys and having a
thorough, good time, with understanding
attendants near at hand ready to come forward if one shows
signs of being unable to part with
any particular toy.

It is not really the children who
appreciate the Xmas toys.

Give an ordinary child a few old
boxes or tins or a packet of cards
and he is perfectly happy. Give him
(or rather let him take without any
interference) the bottom of a hat
stand for a boat, and he will spend
hissful hours rowing to Shanghai or
England or whatever place at that
moment takes his fancy.

Of course he enjoys new toys, but
he only has a tenuous affection for
them.

On the other hand note the fore-
thought of a parent buying Xmas
toys.

"John's pretty old enough now for
Mechano," his fond parent will
remark, gazing admiringly at the vari-
ous pieces and models of this most
delightful of all mechanical toys.
One has an instantaneous picture of
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"What a lovely hummer too!
I really must get that for Mary,"
says her mother, though Mary, aged
two and a bit, cannot possibly manip-
ulate it herself.

And then the bricks. Of course
the babies must have bricks, lots of
them, and naturally the parents must
show them how to build. But what
ever the babies do they must keep
out of the way until Daddy or
Mother have added the last brick to
the huge tower which tiny fingers are
aching to knock down!

Take the children round the toy
shops at Xmas time and though they
will enjoy it immensely, I think you
will find that the grown-ups are the
greater babies.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A GREETING FROM ST.
DUNSTAN'S.

[To the Editor of the China Mail]

Sir—This is the season of Greet-
ings and Gifts.

May I send to your readers Greet-
ings and ask them to send to me
Gifts?

These Greetings will, I hope, give
real pleasure. They convey the
gratitude of the soldiers blinded in
the War for the sympathy and help
which has come to them from all
parts of the World. They carry the
news that all we hoped for from the
training given at St. Dunstan's is
being justified by these blinded men in
the very wonderful success that they
are making of their lives.

I do not think that anyone would
say it gets easier to be bravely blind
as the years go on. It becomes easier
to do things in the dark, but the de-
mand on the will to keep pace with
normal life grows greater rather than
lessens. Constant effort is extraordi-
narily exacting, and it is really
splendid how the men meet this de-
mand on themselves, keep up their
interest in everything and maintain
their notable record as workers; some
as poultry-farmers, and others
as expert craftsmen.

There are still more than five hun-
dred men learning to be blind in our
class-rooms and workshops.

Besides those actually blinded on
the battlefields, 23,000 men were
discharged from the Army with
seriously damaged sight, and, unfortunately,
many of these are finding it
necessary to come to St. Dunstan's.
We are dealing, too, with a number
of men whose health does not enable
them to make such quick progress
as others. At the same time it
becomes increasingly difficult to find
for the men who are ready to start
on their new life suitable homes;
there is the universal shortage of
houses and a great scarcity of such
small properties as the poultry-
farmers need. Thus the difficulty
and expense of settling the men has
increased while we have to face enor-
mously multiplied costs in providing
for those who are our guests, in main-
taining our convalescent and holiday
homes, and in carrying on the ever-
increasingly important work of the
After-Care of the blinded soldiers.

We have also now to meet the
expense of moving our headquarters
—the offices for the organisation re-
quired to look after nearly 2,000 men,
and also the classrooms and work-
shops. The House with its beau-
tiful grounds so generously lent by
Mr. Otto Kahn as a Hostel is no
longer available; fortunately, how-
ever, we have been able to find for
our new quarters another house in
Regent's Park—a place which for
several generations has been the
London home of the Marquesses of
Bute. The interior has been adapted
for offices, and in the gardens the class-
rooms and workshops have been
re-erected. The place is near the
Lake on which the blinded soldiers
have taken much pleasure in row-
ing, and both from the point of view
of fresh air and of opportunities for
unimpeded exercise the situation is
ideal.

This starting again in the creation
of a new training centre for the
blinded soldiers has, however, been
no small matter, and it adds to the
reasons already referred to which
prompt this appeal for the generous
help of your readers.

The blinded soldiers have created
a magnificent record; the plans for
helping them back to normal life
have worked out better, I think, than
anyone dreamed would be possible.
I think, too, there is no one who
realises what the gift of sight means,
and what blindness must mean, who
would not wish to help on this work
which St. Dunstan's has undertaken.

I trust that any of your readers
who are so generous as to respond
to this appeal will forward their con-
tributions to me at St. Dunstan's
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don, N.W.1. Yours faithfully,

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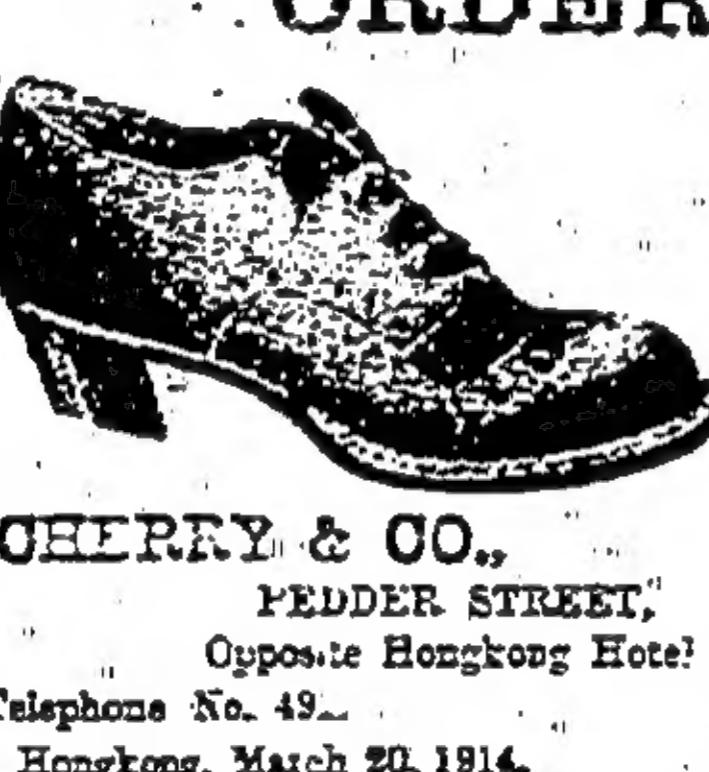
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ADVERSARIA.

A pleasant holiday comes to you all. It is about as far as it is safe to go in as they are. No holly, no robins, and (worst of all) no mistletoe that feels gay contemplation of such a proper Christmas. No very little goodwill. Flower Street people had trees (a German feature) looked like pinkish roses. But I never heard that people needed mistletoe, so I cannot screw festive feeling on the part of some of you will eat and much, and suffer for it, it's bit of use warning still do it all the same. Here's a nice and long holiday just ahead: enjoy it.

According to Fennimore Cooper, "Lo! the poor man was a lecomte, a duc de la Roche, a colonel at Mr. Stabb's door." He took out a pocket book and a man was a jolly old fellow, and of the enormous amount of money he had in his pocket book, he had written to Truth, a local magazine, for a local magazine, an article on education, "In violation," a fellow professor, contributed two columns and a half to the London Chamber of Commerce, through its Commer-

"beyond all else let us give this subject of education for Chinese students a rest." Mr. MacKintosh wrote for love; his voluntary critic is paid so much per column. Is my sense of humour abnormal because I think that very funny? By the way, I have been scolded before for calling the Registrar a professor. If "Invigilator" objects to the phrase "a fellow professor," I will cheerfully amend it to "a professor fellow."

What is to love? Lovin' god. In an interesting book I am reading now, entitled "The Mind of the Early Converts," the missionary author makes a remark in the second chapter that arrested my reading and made me think. He says of "Chinese converts" "The absence of any expression of love is not indeed surprising; for Chinese do not presume to love their parents or superiors; they reverence them; and when Europeans talk of loving God the phrase sounds unfamiliar and unseemly. Upon the whole, however, there is little evidence of a feeling of warm affection." Analogy does lead us into presumption, and there is a certain unseemliness when you come to think of it in the profession of love by such infinite littleness for such infinite greatness. It suggests that man is asking God in his own image.

Colonel John JOHN WARD ON Ward, writing PSYCHOLOGY about Hong Kong "slavery" asserts that permanent residence in the Far East for a few years blunts the finer feelings and transforms our people into acquisitiveness in things that shock them at first sight. There is some truth in this. It is a new version of old adage about familiarity breeding contempt. But it does not apply to everybody, nor does it fail to apply at home to some people to whom it applies not here. Hence his further suggestion that more plausible than sound. He suggests that our officials should be compelled to go home and live there for a couple of years after every three or four four out here, "that they may return again in their own consciousness the real spirit of the great people to whom they belong." John Ward ought to know, if anyone should, that the official class has precisely as much bows for the Home coolie class as for the foreign, and that wherever it resides it will be arrogant and selfish. Incidentally, it is to be observed that Colonel Ward's long residence in Siberia diverted him for a while from "the real spirit of the great people" to which he belongs.

I had a note last MR. BEST AND week about THE WATER Water Authority AUTHORITY cutting off Mr. Best's water supply because he had written them a cheeky letter. I still see considerable justice in his point of view. The Water Authority ought in all cases to apply to the landlords for such payments, the landlords being legally responsible; but they take the stand that they have nothing to do with arrangements between landlords and tenants, and collect from whomsoever seems most conveniently accessible. Any trouble involved should be taken by a public service department, but they shirk it, and prefer to inconvenience tenants. In this case there is no doubt that the Water Authority was legally right, and Mr. Best deceived me in an essential particular. He said the meter (which is Government property) had burst, and I asked him twice (once before a witness) if he were sure it was the meter and not a service pipe. Each time he assured me it was the meter, and I now learn that it wasn't. I wish people who bring their grievances to the China Mail would be more careful as to facts. It reduces the usefulness of the paper when it is put in the wrong by such carelessness about material facts. I am at the mercy of those who deceive me, intentionally or otherwise.

What a fascinating ABOUT ME subject is Me. I could dwell on it for hours. Most men feel that way about it, judging by the general run of their talk. The editor has just received a long letter from London, which, after discussing some of my writings, ends with reference to Me. It says, "Stand Adversaries a drink for me. I don't know who he is, but he is a pretty live journalist." Do you think the editor did as he was told? Not he. So far as he is concerned, I might be dying of thirst. But make me! There are others.

There is an alternative GRAMMAR, together, lovely exposure in Truth of November 10 of one of these busybodies who profess anxiety about the maltreatment of our language. Mr. C. E. Town, assistant secretary to the London Chamber of Commerce, and secretary for Commercial Education, wrote to Truth, a city having written "a better respect for English composition," and Truth cruelly ridiculed parts of his letter thus: "The London Chamber of Commerce, through its Commer-

cial Education Committee, has decided to redouble its exertions." As Truth commented, nobody will deny the need.

We have had re-IRELAND, prisals (officially excused and an acknowledged policy of "frightfulness." Almost all we needed to establish the poisonous parallel was bungles and the shooting thereof. And this Reuter gave us on Wednesday morning. The man who hunts shanks acquires a stink. Men who beat the Prussians seem to have been thoroughly Prussianized. And humorists will be going about soon saying a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I feel about as merry as Hamlet.

It is rather difficult to understand these MEMORIAL people who now INSTITUTE seem so sure that service men and civilians will not be comparable.

It is the fashion to say that the supposed irreconcilable difference? We are just escaped from a time when almost every civilian became, willy-nilly, a service man, and we have seen these soldiers and sailors reverting again to civilian status. A soldier is merely a civilian who has been taught military habits. He remains human.

A civilian however proud of his social status Hongkong may have taught him to be merely the raw material of a soldier, who has learned other habits. A soldier and his civilian brother would not recognize any incompatibility. Why should others, who might be brothers, and, indeed, ought to be? If the public is shy about sub-servicing, this cannot be the reason. They probably think there are enough clubs for service men already, and have overlooked the fact that unduly emphasized at the meeting that all those Wan Chai institutes are coming down to make way for some unnecessary road widening scheme. This includes the fine building given by the late Mr. Mody, and opened by Col. Ligard.

One correspondent of NEW the China Mail actually had the audacity to find fault with the site, and to suggest that the new Institute be erected on "the finest site, near the Club. I will tell him ten thousand seesters to a dud oblong that they would not hear unto his suggestion for a moment. What? Have the lower orders singing "For he's a jolly good fellow" so near to the place where their betters sing it? Never. They'd sooner have a statue, a simple and dignified Cupid, or a romantic Silenus, or (ever see it?) a mannikin like that at Brussels.

Last week I made ADVERSARIA's "a little play" with THE OBSCURE my Portuguese friends, pretended to mistranslate their beautiful language, and said I refused the invitation for fear of breaking something. It has worried some of them. I am requested to answer the question. What was the point? I'm sorry. It was nothing disrespectful. I merely meant that I was afraid to go to their party for fear of breaking the pledge. You will recall, perhaps, that I confessed to suffering from alcoholic poisoning. Also, the police were constantly trying to run me in as drunk and disorderly, though disordered, your-washup, I never was, but merely gay. And the doctor told me it was Happy Valley for me unless I cut it out. So I signed the pledge; and oh! boys, you've no idea how slow life has seemed since then. But I've been "dry" for a month, and can go another week or two, I guess.

But just think of MY QUEEN spending a CHRISTMAS without one drop of O-be-joyful. If my Aunt Ermyntrude could see me now she wouldn't believe her eyes, one of which was always black about this season, owing to Uncle's playfulness. She liked a baby stout herself, with whale. But our family has come down in the world since those happy days. I learn with amazement that one man, and one only, is responsible for the hitch in the Boxing Association's programme. He is Lieutenant-Commander Drew, the sports officer of the Hawkins. It appears also that in thus disappointing the public and his own men he has been arbitrary, having no justification of any sort, no Admiralty order to go on, or anything like that. There is no Admiralty objection to professional boxing. Even the Services Association recognizes it; and of course naval pros, who are still fighting, are widely known. The professionals on the Hawkins, who cannot fight as amateurs, and are not permitted to fight for purses, seem to me to have a very real and legitimate grievance. While naturally, the Hongkong Boxing Association is very awkwardly situated.

I have talked with MEN'S several men of the VIEWS Fleet, including Haw- kins men, and they all seem to feel very strongly about it, as well as astonished at the attitude of this officer. Even his brother officers do not agree with his extraordinary decision. It means, if the local Association's plans are thwarted, that there will be no boxing at all, for both the public and the men are expected to show their resentment by having nothing to do with any other attempts. No such objection has been heard of on any of the other ships, and apparently it is only the Hawkins boxes who are not allowed to box for purses as usual.

Everybody uses the CROCODILE metaphor for hypocrites, critical sponges, but how many know its origin? Why crocodile tears? Who ever saw those hard and

hateful eyes weep? It is an ancient superstition that crocodiles man and sib, like persons in distress, to attract travellers and so catch and eat the compassionate. We have it in Shakespeare, 2 Henry VI, scene first of act the third:

As the mournful crocodile With sorrow snares relenting

passengers. But an old English writer (English Expositor, 1616) tells us that the crocodile will weep over a man's head when it hath devoured the body, and they eat up the head too. The difference between a crocodile and an alligator is precisely that between an alligator and a crocodile.

Dr. Welldon, a DEAN'S Dean of Durham, DICTUM, says that the Church would incite the lesson of duty with greater authority on the Labour Party to-day if she had incited it on the employers of labour fifty years ago. It sounds reasonable.

It is the fashion to HONGKONG garble Hongkong HISTORY history, its ancient

history, if one may call it, to make it look more respectable. Mr. Hurley, in his new guide book to Hongkong, already reviewed in the China Mail, comes here occasionally to indoctrinate tourists, telling them of the Press of the Colony was nicely trimmed. Some day, if I find time and energy, I may tell the true tale of our beginnings, compiling it from evidence of both sides, instead of only one side. I would put in a plainer light the arrogant and atrocious conduct of the pioneers, explain the system on which trade at Canton was managed, the mistakes of the East India Company, the mutual jealousies of the Portuguese, American, and British which led to offences against China, the blunders of Lord Amherst, and so on. The Company wrote to their supercargoes on one occasion (1820): "It is a notion too commonly entertained and acted upon by you, and encouraged by foreign merchants residing at Canton, that nothing is to be gained from the Chinese by obedience to their laws and edicts, but that much may be obtained by intimidation." That was the "keynote" right along, intimidation, and it is nothing to boast of. Opium was not only smuggled in; it was handled through. The "Correspondence relating to China" (official) is a dossier too much ignored by historians on our side, though the Chinese know of it. Sir John Bowring was cynically frank about our demands. And the tone was maintained. In a memorial to the Earl of Clarendon, 1870, the Chairman of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce said that China was in no sense a country entitled to the same rights and privileges as civilized nations! While even the Bishop (1869), writing to the same nobleman, advocated coercion, saying that "notwithstanding some superficial appearances to the contrary, the Chinese Government is uncivilized and incapable of maintaining confidential relations with foreigners." Try to imagine Jesus writing that. It is, however, a long and not a pleasant story. If the *re parte* "historians" would shut up, I'd be glad to. In the meanwhile, you may take it that the glorious founders of this glorious colony were no great credit to us.

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MARINE ENGINES DESTROYED.

KOWLOON DOCK MASTERS CUTTED.

Damage estimated at £20,000 was caused by a fire which broke out in a masthead in the Kowloon Docks last night.

Although the members of both the Hongkong and the Kowloon Brigades, the latter with their engines, assisted the fire-fighters, the flames could not be checked and the structure was completely gutted.

Marine internal combustion oil engines, in their packing cases, stored in the masthead by the Asiatic Petroleum Company were damaged to an estimated extent of £20,000.

The cause of the outbreak is at present a mystery.

SPORT.

MONDAY CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY v. CLUB DE RECREIO.

The following will represent the University in the above Friendly Match to be played on the University Ground on Monday, 27th inst., at 2.15 p.m. sharp:—D. K. Samy (Capt.), K. S. Cheah, C. H. Yeoh, S. H. Ong, B. C. Lee, T. O. Yeow, E. H. Lim, M. K. Yee, M. B. Osman, H. M. Soo and W. Yuen.

UNITED SERVICES v. HONG KONG.

What promises to be a very interesting game of cricket has been arranged for Boxing Day between teams representing the United Services and Hongkong. The following have been chosen to play for the Services:—Lt. Franks, R.N., (Capt.), Lt.-Com. Greig, R.N., Com. Stanley, R.N., Rev. Purcell, R.N., Lt. Stewart, R.N., Lt.-Com. Drew, R.N., Capt. Davies, R.G.A., Capt. Oliver, R.G.A., Major Barnard, R.G.A., Lt. Graham, R.G.A., Major Edwards, R.E.

GRAND CHARITY MATCH.

CIVILIANS VERSUS SERVICES.

Under the auspices of the Hongkong Football Association a grand charity match has been arranged for Monday, December 27, at 4 p.m., on the Club ground. The match will be between two teams representative of the civilian teams in the Colony and of all the Service teams playing in any league.

Civilian Team.—Rodger (Club), Wheeler (Kowloon), and Chan So (South China); Leung Yuk-tung (S.C.A.), Forbes (Police), and McPhail (Club); Hamilton (Club), Macfarlane (Club); Captain, Robertson (Police), J. Clark (Police), and Evelyn (Kowloon).

R.H.K. GOLF CLUB.

CAPTAIN'S CLUB DRAW.

Following is the draw for the Play Off of those who qualified for the Captain's Cup 1920.—W. D. Kraft (3) v. R. M. Smith (Scr.), F. S. Harrison (4) v. H. G. Bagnall (Scr.), "Bye" T. R. Chassels (6) v. P. T. Kilgour (12), "Bye" F. Maitland (11) v. F. A. Dinsdale (14), N. L. Smith (7) v. D. Reid (18), D. J. Valentine (8) v. J. E. Warner (5).

18 holes. Match Play over Old Course, Fording, 4 of difference between above stated handicaps.

1st and 2nd Rounds to be completed by 17th January.

Semi-Final Rounds to be completed by 24th January.

Final Rounds to be completed by 31st January.

Services Team:—Green (Wills), Barrett ("Carlisle") and Edwards ("Hawkins"); Wilson ("Curlew"), Sargent ("Ambrose"); Captain, and Henwood (R. G. A.); Savage ("Ambrose"); Downs ("Ambrose"); Cook ("Curlew"); Webster ("Curlew") and Amor (Wills).

The Civilian team will play in white and the Services team in blue. The proceeds will go to St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors.

and on Sunday at 5 and 9.15 p.m. The pictures it has for its Christmas showing are Harold Lloyd, supported by Mildred Davies, in "Haunted Spooks," and Tom Moore and Mae Marsh in the "Cinderella Man." In addition there will be the Coronet Review.

Many people will take advantage of the superb opportunities for outdoor enjoyment to take sailing cruises among the islands, hunting trips in the New Territories, and long walks over the hill roads on the island of Hongkong. The weather at this time of the year is generally ideal for all three diversions.

Others will go to Canton and Macao for the holidays. Both trips are easily and comfortably made, and offer splendid opportunities for entertainment. Canton is proving especially popular as a place to visit at Christmas, all the boats being booked to capacity.

There will be special Christmas services on Christmas Day, as well as on Sunday, in the Churches. Tomorrow at St. John's Cathedral there will be Holy Communion at 6.45 and 7.45 a.m.; Matins at 11; and Holy Communion at noon; while on Sunday there will be Holy Communion at 7.50 a.m.; Matins at 11; Litany at noon; and Evensong with special Christmas music at 6 p.m. At St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Christmas Day there will be Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m. and Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

Judging by present indications, it looks like a fine Christmas. First of all is the fact that the calendar has been considerate enough to arrange things in such a manner that a three-days' holiday is provided. It doesn't do this every year. And then there is the weather. Who could ask for a finer day than this? Santa Claus is likely to get into difficulties if he tries to come to Hongkong to-night in the way he seems to prefer to come, whirling through a snow storm with a great tinkling of sleigh bells. There will be no snow storm. Instead, it promises to be a moonlight night, bright as crystal, and just cool enough for a comfortable stroll. To those who have been accustomed to Christmas Days in the North, with their snow and cold, it will be a novel experience to spend a Christmas in Hongkong, with its temperate weather and its wealth of rich green foliage. But Christmas is Christmas, whether there be snow or tropical heat, and Santa Claus is used to adapting himself to circumstances. At any rate, he is sure to come probably in a mother-of-pearl airship, with the moonlight glistening on its iridescent wings.

And then there are the various attractions offered by the hotels and places of amusement, and the many opportunities for enjoyment tendered by the unrivaled facilities of the island—all to enable the pleasure-seeker to extract the most out of his holiday.

Chief among the special functions arranged for the holiday season are the dinner dances at the Hongkong Hotel and the Repulse Bay Hotel. To-night (Christmas Eve) and Monday night (Boxing Day) there will be dinner dances at the Repulse Bay Hotel that promise to be brilliant affairs. The hotel has recently enlarged its dance floor, until now it has a dancing area of 6,000 square feet. It is without question the most charming dancing spot in the East. These nights, with the moonlight shining on the hills and lighting up the bay with silver fire, the hotel and setting are doubly beautiful. Similarly, in all the world there are few motor drives as gorgeous in scenery as the drive out to the hotel. The dinner dances to-night and Monday night will be special occasions, which means that every possible provision will be made by the hotel to insure that visitors will be excellently entertained.

To-morrow night (Christmas Day) there will be a big dinner dance at the Hongkong Hotel. Judging by the number of table reservations, the hotel will be crowded to capacity. It goes without saying that the hotel has made all sorts of extra arrangements to take care of its large patronage, and the indications are that the function will be quite the largest and gayest of its kind that Hongkong has ever witnessed.

For the convenience of the public, especially with regard to the heavy travel that may be expected between the city and Repulse Bay Hotel, an announcement is made by the Captain-Superintendent of Police that the usual restrictions on motor traffic between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. will be removed to-night, to-morrow night, Monday night, and the night of December 31.

Another opportunity of entertainment that is bound to bring pleasure to a large number will be the Bostock's Royal Italian Circus, which will open to-morrow at Ming Yuen Gardens, North Point, for a short season. There will be two performances a day, at 5 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. It brings a number of old favourites, and many new performers who have been spoken of highly, and everything indicates that it will be a first-class exhibition.

Both the Coronet and Hongkong Theatres will have special Christmas shows at convenient hours. At the Coronet there will be performances to-day, to-morrow, and Monday at 2.30, 5, 7.15, and 9.15 p.m.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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J. RALSTON,
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Hongkong, December 24, 1920.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

ORDERS By Lieut-Colonel
L. G. Bird, D.S.O.
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.

Hongkong,
Friday, December 24, 1920.

1. PARADES.

Parades will not be held during Week Ending Saturday, 1st January.

2. MUSKETRY.

PART I. INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES will be fired on Sunday, 2nd January, 1921, at King's Park Range at 10 a.m.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

LONDON, December 21st.

Lord Robert Cecil, who was South Africa's representative in Geneva, interviewed by Reuter at his home in Sheen where he is recuperating from an illness, expressed the opinion that the most important decision of the Assembly of the League was the creation of the International Court of Justice. His future depended entirely on the personnel of the judges. A number of States had already agreed to refer minor international disputes to the court, whose jurisdiction would therefore be largely compulsory. Next in importance came the admission of the new States into the League. It was a good augury for the future reconciliation of the world that the ancient countries Austria and Bulgaria were admitted unopposed. The question of the admission of Germany would be determined on the principles laid down in the case of Bulgaria, namely, whether she was sincere in her intention of observing her international obligations.

The Assembly's recommendations regarding disarmament were most valuable, if they were carried out. A far-reaching proposal was that a civilian commission should be appointed to sit with the existing military commission to make suggestions for the limitation of armaments, while the recommendation to ratify the Arms Trade Conventions, signed in Paris last year, should provide a real check to the sale of arms. These Conventions would already be effective, but for the unavoidable action of the United States in declining to be bound by them.

As regards the economic blockade, a simple remedy had been devised by which the Secretary-General would notify to the Council when there would be any occasion for its use, in order to give members immediately, breaking off political and economic relations with the Covenant-breaking State.

Considerable progress was made with the question of mandates. The Council settled for a permanent mandate committee to which all reports from the mandatories would be sent. The Mandates Commission would consist of nine members, chosen mostly from non-mandatory States for individual competence. Further, the Council settled "C" mandates, namely, the Pacific Islands and South-West Africa, but "A" and "B" mandates were not settled, though it is understood that the draft mandates were before the Council. Lord Robert Cecil expressed the opinion that it was most desirable that these drafts should be published forthwith, in order that the world may know and criticise the proposals. The "B" mandates would be nearly identical as their provisions were closely derived in the Covenant, but the "A" mandates for ex-Turkish possessions in Asia, which were based on independent native Governments, advised by the mandatory, would naturally differ considerably. There were certain difficulties as regards "A" mandates, but the difficulties disappeared. Lord Robert Cecil emphasised the fact, in this connection, that if the Council wanted public support, it must ensure greater publicity.

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A

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Lord

Robert

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Much

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League's

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The

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Even

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Lord

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Their

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The

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of

the

League.

London, December 21st.

Mr.

Lloyd

George,

presiding

at

the

House

of

Commons

luncheon

to

the

Delegates

of

the

Geneva

Assembly

and

that

such

representatives

as

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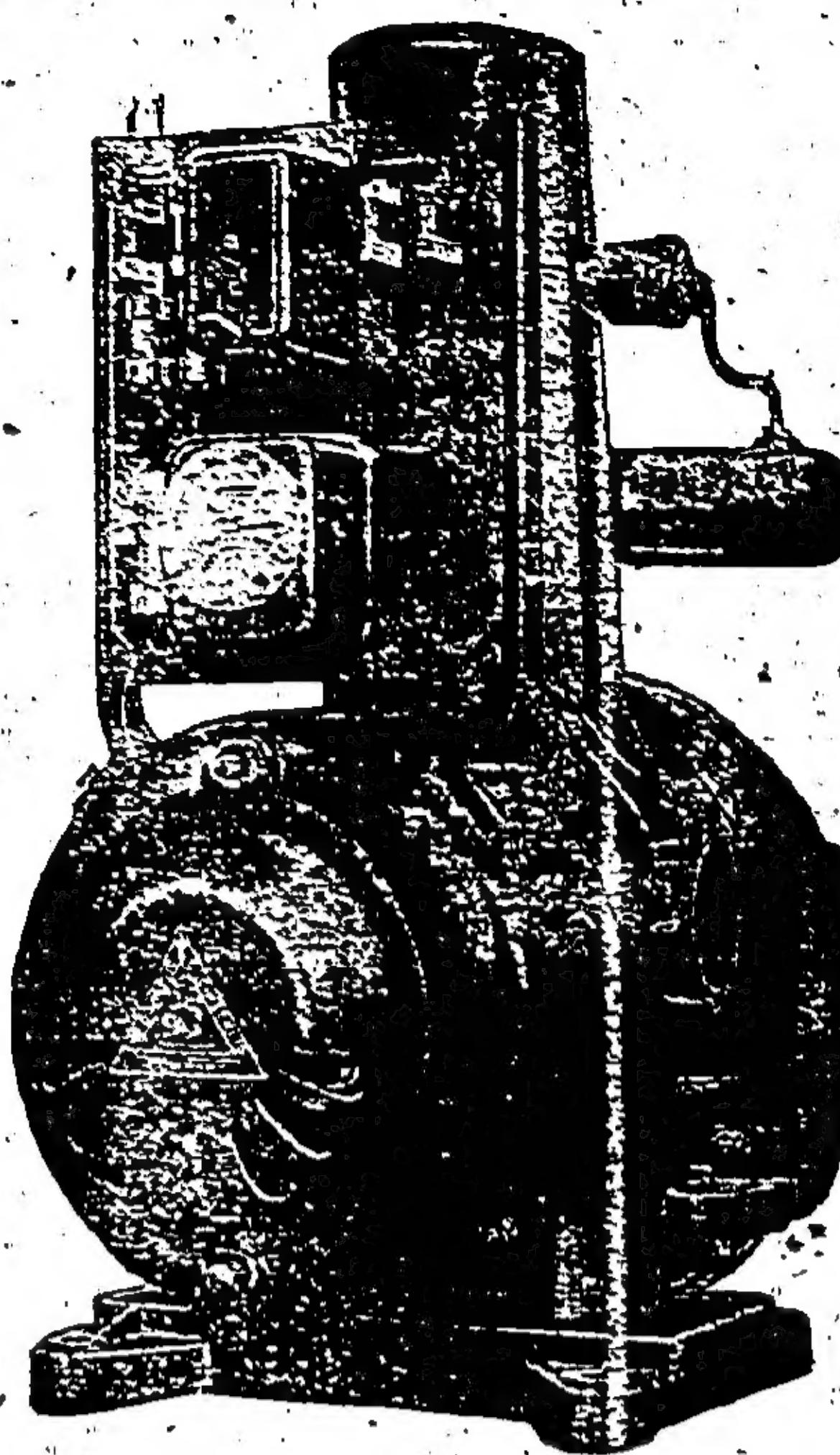
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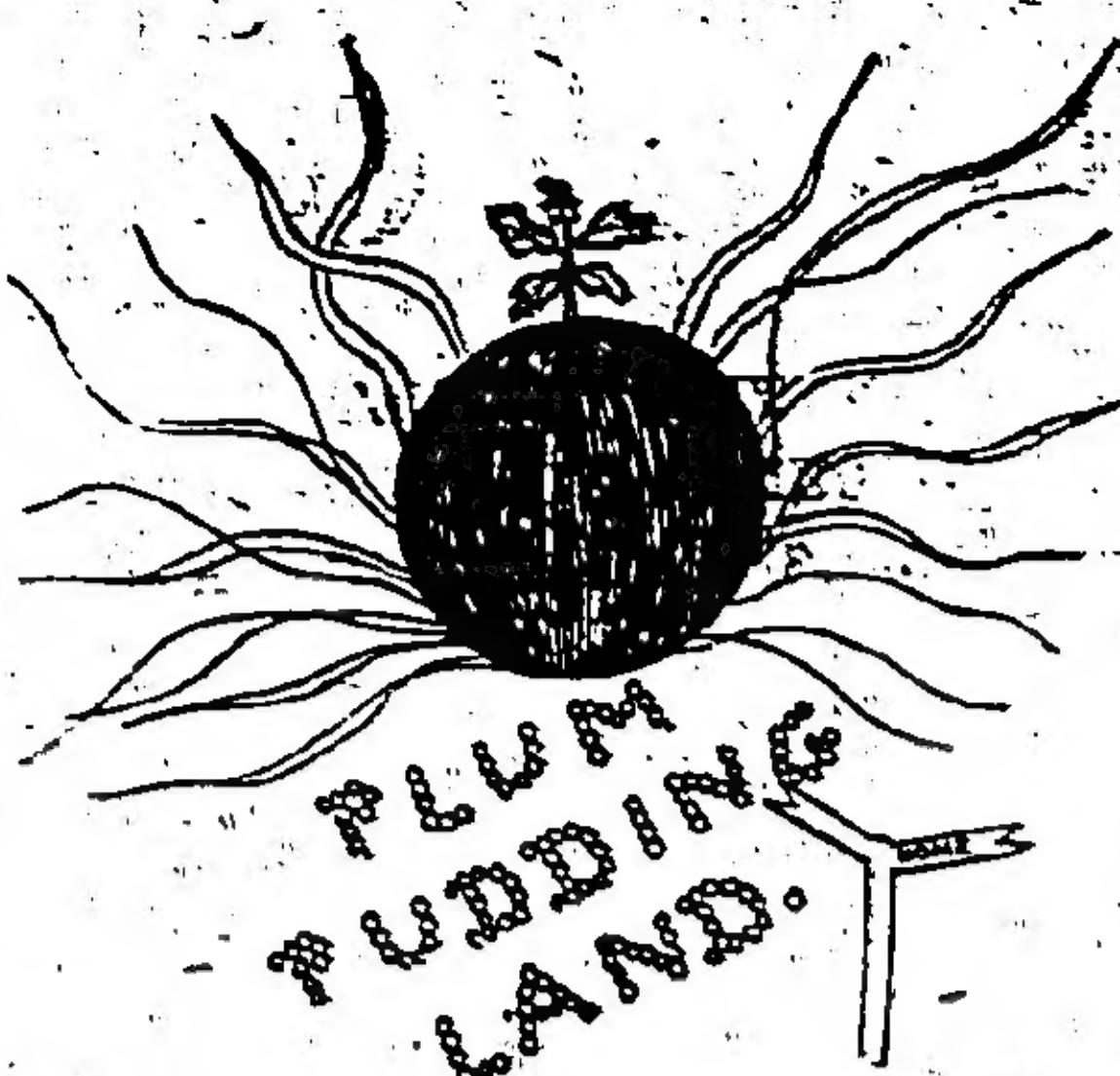
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For this is all I want to say.
"A Merry Xmas to you dears,
A happy jolly time (no tears!)
With Xmas trees and games and
toys
And heaps of fun, dear girls and
boys."

PETER PAN.

PLUM PUDDING LAND.

Mary was spending a delightful Christmas Day.

In the morning, as soon as she was awake, she sat up and looked round for her stocking. There it was, hanging on the end of the bed, full of surprises.

Then, after breakfast, she and her three brothers and sisters helped their mother to decorate the rooms with holly and mistletoe and after that they went to church.

They were all hungry when they came home again and were quite ready to eat the big turkey. After that the room was made dark and the plum pudding was brought in, all on fire, and everyone cried "Hurrah!"

Later on, in the afternoon, the whole family was called into the drawing room. In the middle of the room was a huge Christmas tree, covered with shiny balls and ornaments and long chains of glittering tinsel and there were heaps of lighted candles too.

Piled up on the floor round the tree were parcels of all sizes, some big and some tiny, and you can imagine the excitement of undoing them all.

Mary was very tired at the end of the day and as soon as she was in bed she shut her eyes and fell fast asleep. And in the twinkling of an eye she was in Dreamland and this is what she saw.

She stood at the side of a road and there was a signpost near by where the road divided into two. This signpost had two arms. On one was written "This way to Plum Pudding Land" and on the other "This is the way home again to-morrow."

"Why I thought that I was at home now," said Mary to herself, "But at any rate Plum Pudding Land sounds nice. I'll go that way."

So off she went down the road which was made all of almonds and raisins fitting into one another like paving stones. There was a high hedge of holly on each side, so high that it was impossible to see over it and it was much too prickly to climb. It was rather dark too until she turned a corner. Then there was a sudden blaze of light.

"Whatever can it be?" thought Mary and then she saw in front of her a huge plum pudding on a big white dish, which was covered with flames. She heard someone singing:

"Come along, come this way,
On this bright Xmas Day.
The pudding is ready,
So one, two, three, steady,
Jump over the flames
And join in our game."

The door opens wide,
Come now, come inside."

And then she saw that ever so many tiny fairies were playing in the fire, peeling each other with the flames and laughing and dancing with glee.

The next minute a door opened in the side of the plum pudding. Some of the fairies ran inside and three or four came up to Mary, holding out their hands and calling out, "Come, come quickly. In two minutes the door will shut again!"

"But I can't possibly jump over those big flames," cried Mary.

"Oh yes, you can get over easily enough," said one of the fairies, "What have you in your pocket?"

"Why a spoon!" answered Mary, feeling in her pocket. "What a queer thing to find there."

"Not at all," replied the fairy, "You never know what you may find in your pocket. But now come along. Cut a path for yourself and then you will soon reach the door."

"Oh I see," said Mary, and she scooped up the flames and threw them on one side and in a minute was at the door of the plum pudding.

"Well done, Mary," she heard some tiny voices saying and about twenty currants, with twinkling black eyes and neat little black coats, came hurrying to meet her.

Mary looked all round and thought that she had never seen such a queer

country. "May I please Your Majesty to allow me to remain in the warm spot?"

"Oh that is the trouble, is it?" Lord Holly Berry replied, looking less annoyed. But you know, Thimble, that it is a boon which at this time of the year is not possible to grant. However, there must be peace and quiet here. Call! Lady Ring," he added, turning to Plump.

Plump bowed and ran off as fast as his fat little leg would carry him. In less than two seconds he was back again, leading by the hand a slender golden ring, with a bright happy face which it did one good to see.

"My Lord," said Golden Ring. "I am here at your request."

"Very good," Lord Holly Berry went on, smiling graciously at her. "Will you help me this year by staying in the same place as Thimble and keeping each other company?"

"Of course, My Lord," Golden Ring replied. "I will do what you wish." Then turning to Thimble, she took him by the hand and said, "Come, dear friend, we will find a comfortable spot where we can sit and talk together, and if we have to wander off to Cold Plate Land we will go together and so will be lonely."

"I do not mind at all if you are with me, Golden Ring," Thimble said in a sweet voice and off they went hand in hand.

"That is one difficult matter settled," Mary heard Lord Holly mutter to himself. The next minute he looked round and gave a loud cry of "My people, it is nearly over!" and all the currants, sultanas and raisins began to run about faster than ever, crying, "Over! Over! It's over! Quick! Let us enjoy ourselves up to the last minute."

And they turned somersaults and laughed and jumped about until Mary, who seemed to be in the middle of a whirling mass of them, was quite giddy.

"But what is over?" she cried to Plump, when she could make him hear through all the din.

"Why Christmas Night of course," Plump shouted in her ear. "All our fun is finished for this year."

"But how do you know that?" asked Mary.

"Look!" cried Plump, pointing to the walls. "And see what is happening to you too. You are off to the Really and Truly Land again."

"Thank you," said Mary, and she sat down on a comfortable apple branch which was near by.

"Whatever do you mean?" asked Mary in a surprised tone of voice.

"Well it's like this," Plump went on. "But sit down while I tell you all about it."

"Thank you," said Mary, and she sat down on a comfortable apple branch which was near by.

"I know that most people imagine that they eat plum pudding," continued Plump. "But it is all a mistake. To begin with it is much too rich and would upset everybody if they did eat it. At Christmas time there are hundreds and thousands of tiny fairies flying about who are called the Spirits of Enjoyment. Nobody can see them but people do sometimes hear them whispering close by their ears."

When the plum puddings are put on the table these Spirits are waiting close by with invisible baskets and when anyone is going to put a spoonful of pudding in his mouth they snatch it away and afterwards take it back to Plum Pudding Land, ready for the next Christmas.

"But I am sure I have tasted plum pudding!" cried Mary in surprise.

"Oh no, you haven't really," replied Plump, "The Spirits of Enjoyment sometimes put a piece of pretending pudding in its place and that is called "Sugar and Spice" and all that's nice" and it is a very good pudding indeed."

Just then Mary heard a great commotion and when she looked round she saw that there was someone trying to fight his way through a number of currants who were surrounding him.

"I don't want to leave this nice warm place," she heard a silvery voice saying. "I am going to hide and no one is to stop me. Let me go I say!"

"Why whoever is it?" "Mary asked Plump.

"It's only Thimble," he answered. "Every year there is this same trouble. First of all he grumbles because he says that the pudding sticks to him and spoils his bright coat. Then he says that he does not want to leave this warm place and that he will not be put on a cold plate. And then—naughty boy—he says that whatever finds him is sure to wash him and that he hates being washed. You see he rather fancies himself because he has a fine silver coat and leads a lazy and comfortable life as a rule, spending most of his time in silk-lined worksheds."

At that minute Thimble began to scream louder than ever, but he stopped at once when a sprig of holly with an angry red face came along. "Come, come quickly. In two minutes the door will shut again!"

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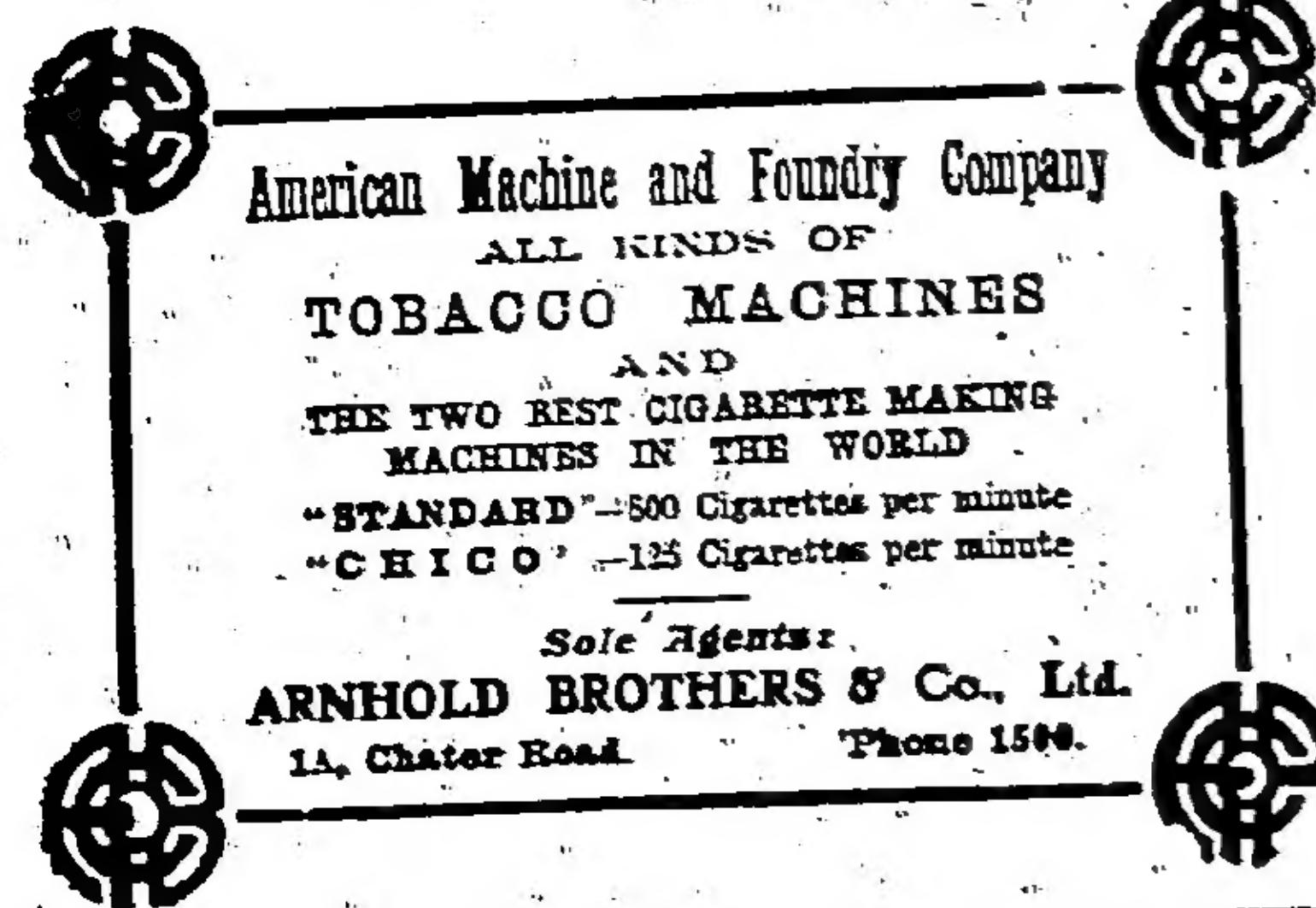
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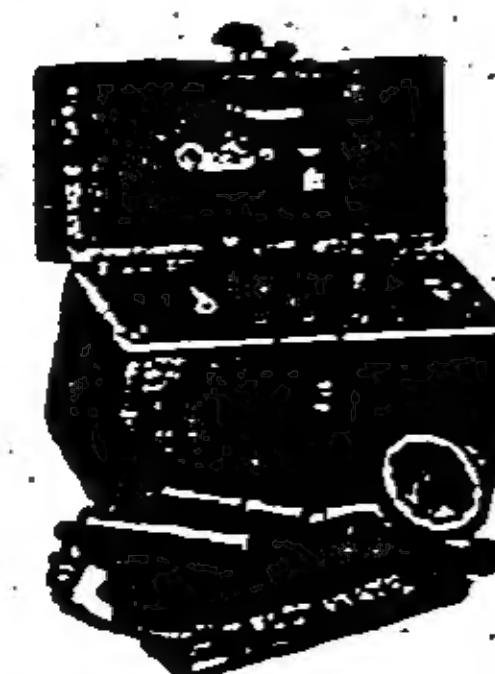
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MORE STOWAWAYS.

ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO DEATH

NO WORK IN SHANGAI.

At the Magistracy this morning Inspector Spear, of the Water Police, charged three seamen, Frank Miller, William Mason, and Arnaldo Ferreira, American, Canadian and Portuguese respectively, with having stowed away on board the Admiral Line s.s. "Montague," from Shanghai.

The accused all pleaded "guilty." Inspector Spear said that the accused gave themselves up to the Captain a few hours after the ship had left Shanghai. Questioned by the police, two of the accused said that they were left behind in Shanghai by their ships. The other man said that he was paid off in Shanghai. All three said that there were upwards of 50 unemployed seamen in Shanghai at present. In view of the futility of attempting to fine work there, they had decided to do anything to leave Shanghai rather than be frozen to death there.

Magistrate Orme enquired what would be done with the accused after he had dealt with them.

The Inspector said that undoubtedly Miller and Ferreira would be sent back to Shanghai by their respective Consuls while Mason would be sent back at the local Governor's expense as D.B.S. (Distressed British Seaman).

The Magistrate passed sentence of 21 days hard labour each.

With the exception of one case of diphtheria, the Colony was free from notifiable disease yesterday.

The usual restrictions of motor traffic between 1 and 6 a.m. will be removed on the nights of December 24, 25, 27, and 31.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

HONGKONG CHRISTMAS DAY, 1920.

Holy Communion 8.45 and 7.45 a.m.

Matins 11 a.m.

Requies, Ferial; Venitae, Macarren

23rd); Psalm 19 (Monk); 85 (Turle);

Te Deum; Oakley in F; Benedictus;

Havergal (7th even); Anthems;

Arius, schm. Elvay; hymn; Hyman,

59, 62; Holy Communion (13 noon)

DECEMBER 28TH 1920

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m.

Matins at 11 a.m.

Requies, Ferial; Venitae, Macarren

24th); Psalm 2; (Weary); Te

Deum; Woodward; Smart; Turle;

Benedictus; Garrett; Hyman;

57, 58; (2nd); 60; Litany 12 Noon.

Evening at 6 p.m.

Cathedral and Auxiliary Choirs

Responses, Ferial; Psalm; 100 (Ouseley)

(verses 1, 5 in unison); Magnificat;

Gloria (7th even); Nunus; Dimitri;

Havergal (7th even); Anthems;

Good; Good Christian Men; Interna-

tional; Pastoral; Wely; Carols 10;

Good King Wenceslas"; (as set);

14; What Child is This? 15; A

Child is born"; 5; Troubles, V. 3, 4;

Tenors and Basses; hymn; Hyman;

(verses 1, 5 in unison); Voluntary;

Choral Song and Fugue; Wesley;

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon; Responses

for Xmas Day will be—Holy

Communion at 6.15 a.m.; Morning

Prayer and Holy Communion at

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